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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	EUNCHA P. CHERRY	2872	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edelman (US Patent No. 5,005,962).

Edelman discloses an external mirror for a driver's side of a motor vehicle that provides two different views to a driver of the motor vehicle (Fig. 1), the external mirror comprising:

a flat half (3) and a convex half (4), the flat half occupying a portion of the mirror that is closest to the driver and having a flat reflecting surface (see flat surface that is near the attachment means), wherein the flat half provides a normal view of objects close to the driver's side of the vehicle, and wherein the convex half occupies a portion of the mirror that is furthest away from the driver (see 4), the convex half having a reflecting surface that curves outward (see Fig.

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1), the convex half providing an expanded view of objects to the driver's side of the vehicle (inherent), in relation to the view provided by the flat half, wherein the expanded view includes the normal view provided by the flat half, and further wherein the driver is able to clearly see objects in both halves of the mirror simultaneously so that there is no moment of distraction and no need for vision accommodation when the driver views objects in the mirror; and a means for attaching the mirror to the side of the vehicle. The flat half and the convex half are produced from a single piece of glass (column 2, lines 49-52), wherein the vehicle is a car or a truck (see column 1, lines 9-12). The small warning is visible on the convex half of the front of the mirror that warns the driver that images are closer than they appear (Fig. 2, 11). The thick part of the convex half is located at a middle of the convex half and the thickest part of the convex half extends from a top to bottom of the convex half (see Figs. 3 and 4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edelman.

Edelman discloses the claimed invention as set forth above except the transparent cover that arches across a front of the mirror. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to attach the transparent cover to the front of the mirror for the purpose of preventing the reflecting surface of the external mirror.

Conclusion

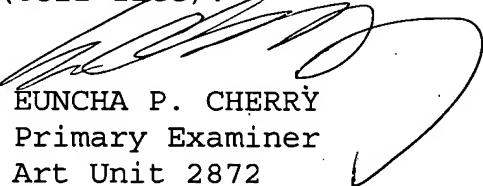
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lynam (US Patent No. 6,522,451) discloses an external mirror that having a flat half and the convex half.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUNCHA P. CHERRY whose telephone number is 571-272-2310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00, alternate Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DREW DUNN can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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